

AGGIE CLASS TO HOLD SOME "COUNTY FAIR"

Stock Parade, Demonstrations, Hot Dogs, Shows, Ball Game and all Trimmings to be There—Funds to send team to Stock Judging Contest

On April 20, afternoon and evening the students of the Department of Vocational Agriculture of the Ontario High School will offer their first fair and carnival. The students have two main objects in mind in offering this exhibition, first they desire to let the people see the work they have done during the past year. This will be shown in the Educational hall. Student project work, shop work and laboratory researches will be demonstrated by the students themselves. Among these demonstrations and of no small amount of importance is the dairy prospect work. Milk and cream testing, separation of milk, principles of handling and other problems of importance will be shown by the students in charge. All the demonstrations are practical and will show the value of such training to the student. Another reason for the fair is that of making money enough to send a team of stock judges to Union, Oregon in June to compete with the other Smith-Hughes students. All spring the class has been working in the field studying the best types of stock with the ultimate aim of winning at the contest. No one doubts the usefulness of being able to select good stock and it is further that training that the contest is to be held. A gold loving cup is offered to the high team and medals to the winners of each class of stock.

The programme of the day will open a parade of the department. Quite a number of floats of both educational and humorous nature will be in the line up. Two bands will furnish the music—and say did you ever hear the Village Silver Cornet band—well it will be there. Immediately after the parade the afternoon programme will start with a baseball game between Ontario H. S. and Nyssa. The proceeds of the game will go to the fair. Other shows of importance are the Musical, Battle royal, Bloody gulch days, and others. The Yellow Dawg Saloon will sell the drinks while the Greasy spoon will sell the hot dogs. A combination ticket will admit the holder to the baseball game and also to the ground in the evening of the fair. The shows will open at 7 p. m. and continue until the last penny has been spent.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING SPECIALIST TO RETURN

Paul Mehl of Extension Service Will Give Farmers Principles of Successful Organization.

County Agent Brethaupt has arranged for the services of Paul Mehl, field agent in marketing for Oregon, to deliver a series of lectures to the farmers of Malheur County on the underlying principles of successful cooperative marketing. Farmers who heard Mr. Mehl lecture last winter at the short courses were highly pleased with the instruction received and the idea of having the lecture delivered in each farm bureau community was suggested. Accordingly arrangements have been perfected and Mr. Mehl will begin his work here on the evening of April 24 at Vale, where business men as well as farmers will be invited.

On April 27, the Bonita farm bureau will receive the benefit of Mehl's knowledge of this very important subject; he will be at Malheur on the 28; at Brogan on the 29th; Cairo on the 30th; Adrian the afternoon of May 2; Nyssa afternoon May 2; Riverside afternoon of May 3; and Oregon Slope evening of May 3. The cooperative marketing of farm produce is making tremendous progress at present under the guidance of the farm bureau organization, and specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the states. A knowledge of the principles of such organizations is of great importance to the farmers of the county in order that they may better judge the merits of various propositions which will be put before them for consideration within a short time. No farmer, or business man either, should miss this opportunity as it is not probable that another will come to hear an unprejudiced lecture on this subject of paramount interest to farmers.

SHEARING PLANT AT BEULAH TO START WORKING APRIL 25

B. W. Tillotson of Beulah, who is the post master, merchant and general utility man of that region is going to have his sheep shearing plant in operation about April 25 to hair cut the sheep men of that region. The sheep men of that region report a successful lambing season, some securing a per centage of 110 to 115. Fortunately, too, for the sheep men the range season opened early and as the result a more optimistic feeling is evident among them.

METHODISTS TO START WORK UPON NEW CHURCH BUILDING

The largest building to be erected in Ontario this summer, perhaps, will be a new home for the Methodist church. The old church building was moved last week to the back of the church property and will be used for social service work after the new building is completed. Work will start soon on the excavation of a basement for the new building when the plans being prepared are approved by the church's board of mission architects. The local congregation has pledged \$2,000 to the new building and is receiving aid from the centenary fund.

POOL HALLS RAIDED BY POLICE OFFICIALS

Samples Cider and "Bitters" Sent To Portland For Analysis By Chemists To Determine Contents

Sheriff Lee Noe, District Attorney Robert D. Lytle assisted by Marshals H. C. Farmer and J. H. Gordon visited The Palm, operated by Mart Hart and the Big Four operated by Jenkins and Jenkins yesterday afternoon and confiscated a quantity of goods from each institution which were sent to Portland for examination.

Most of the goods taken were secured at the Palm and included a quantity of "Bitters" with an alleged kick of 18 per cent. At the Big Four samples of cider were taken. The officers worked in pairs and following the return of the analysis from government chemists will take further action in the cases.

FARM BUREAU EXPERT TABULATING FARM REPORTS

R. V. Gunn, farm management demonstrator for Oregon arrived in Ontario on Tuesday to assist the County agent and farm bureau in compiling figures in connection with the farm business and crop survey which has been in progress for some time. A large number of farm reports have been gathered for fifty miles along the Snake river and from these, tables will be prepared to show what the farmers are doing on the average. The work is of importance from a number of angles, including production, marketing and better farm management.

This is the second survey of like nature made by the farm bureau. The one made in 1920 proved of much value to power users in connection with the rate case. It is believed that the present survey will also be of great value to irrigationists who use power, in the pending rate case in which the power company will ask for increases totaling over \$100,000 for Malheur county alone. It is the only organized and constructive effort that has been made to secure data to show the farmers' side of the matter.

COUNTY FAIR BOARD ELECTS ITS OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1921

At a recent meeting V. T. Herrett of Vale, was elected president of the Fair board, Ivan E. Oakes was elected vice president and V. V. Hickox was elected secretary. No action was taken to set the date for the fair. This will be considered later.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Jones and family drove to Caldwell Tuesday. A. O. Bullard and his son-in-law, Mr. Morgan of Homedale, Idaho, where they have recently located, spent Sunday with his brother C. W. Bullard on the Boulevard. The brothers had not met in nineteen years and the visit was a joyous one. E. B. Conklin has been in Spokane the past ten days visiting his brother and looking after business matters. Mrs. Martha Broderick and family are moving this week to the home they purchased recently in the northwest part of town. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague Adam and their twin daughters arrived in Ontario Tuesday from St. Anthony, Idaho, for a visit with Mr. Adam's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Adam. Though the ranchers in Eastern Idaho have not sold all of their last year's wheat crop Mr. Adam declares that they are not pessimistic and are looking forward to excellent business this fall. In St. Anthony Mr. Adam operates the Ford Agency and has a large garage. Mrs. F. J. Clemo entertained her sister, Mrs. Claypool on Tuesday of this week. Mrs. J. L. Blott, of Burns underwent an operation for appendicitis at Holy Rosary Hospital Thursday morning. Mr. Huffman who has been quite sick at his home on the Boulevard is able to be out again. Mrs. John Magnuson and Mrs. L. M. Capron spent Friday at the Ed. Berry's home. V. P. McKenna of Portland was in Ontario Tuesday.

OLD MEMBERS RETURN TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dude Rutherford Named Assistant Chief—Marshals Made Substitute Members—Officers Elected For Coming Year

The members of the fire department at a meeting Tuesday evening re-elected to membership Charles Garvin and Ben Rutherford who resigned some time ago; Marshal H. C. Farmer and Night Marshal J. H. Gordon were named substitute members.

Chief J. B. Atherton named Dude Rutherford his assistant and the boys determined that at the next regular meeting a "feed" would be the principal order of business. At a recent meeting the following officers of the department were elected: Will Johnson, president; Charles Powell, vice president; Irving A. Harris, secretary and Louis Hurlie, treasurer.

SONORA GRAND OPERA STARS TO SING HERE

Special Arrangements Made for Two Day Appearance of Famous Singers in Ontario—Bargain Prices Offered Saturday and Sunday

There is an evident desire for good music, and this is particularly noted as the enthusiasm for the coming engagement of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Singers increases. Ten years ago the cities that would support a season of grand opera and be a financial success could be counted on the fingers of one hand. The urban population are demanding more and better amusements and impresarios and managers of the old school are nonplussed with the wonderful demand for music of the higher order. The question arises as to what we can attribute this sudden interest in things musical. Have the movies been a factor in popularizing a number of the great grand opera artists in picturing them on the screen? Or can we give credit to the popular Victrola, for of a surety the phonograph record is found today in almost every home. The wonderful Prologue from Pagliacci, the Miserere from Il Trovatore, and many other selections from grand opera are as familiar today to the classes as Everybody's Doing It, or There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight. When one knows that he is going to hear the most popular selections from all well known grand operas as given by the Metropolitan Grand Opera Singers presented by artists of international renown, it is no wonder that the public responds generously. The singers will present in costume a repertoire of grand opera and popular selections at the Majestic Theater Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24. This will be in connection with the regular picture program.

BAKER PEOPLE PREPARING BOOST FOR NORTH POWDER

Ranchers Levy Assessment and Baker Business Men to More Than Double Amount Raised to Boost North Powder Project

The Baker Herald of Tuesday carried a story of a meeting at Baker where 200 Baker business men and ranchers living in the North Powder irrigation district launched a campaign to raise \$10,000 to boost the North Powder Project. The ranchers living in the district have assessed their lands 15 cents per acre which will raise \$5,500, and the business men of Baker are to increase the fund to \$10,000. Engineer C. C. Fisher, of the reclamation service, told the meeting that the estimates placed the cost of the project at \$110 per acre and urged that further data be collected. A. A. Smith urged that the necessary funds be raised so that on the passage of the McNary reclamation bill the project would be in shape to present to the government officials.

DROPSY CAUSE OF DEATH

Ira York, aged 33 years died suddenly at the home of his sister Sunday afternoon. He had been ill for some time with dropsy but was not deemed in a dangerous condition. York had lived in Ontario but a short time. He is survived by his mother, brother and sister, Mrs. C. B. Hayes, all residents of this city. Funeral services were held this afternoon from Peterson's funeral chapel. Interment was made in the Ontario cemetery.

Dr. H. H. Whitney drove to his sheep camp near Jamieson Sunday. He found everything very encouraging for the coming season.

SCHOOL TEACHER GETS PAY THEN "BEATS IT"

"School is Out" For Students of Commercial Courses At High School Because Miss Maria Hart Jumped Contract

Miss Maria Hart, teacher of Commercial subjects at the High School left town early Monday morning, though her contract still had a month to run. As the result of her action the boys and girls of the commercial classes have nothing to do, for them, "school is out."

Miss Hart became dissatisfied when the board deducted a sum from the pay check in December when she was out of school on account of sickness. She secured a position in a California business school and waited until she had been paid in full for last month's work, and then beat it. The board will take action to have her certificate to teach in Oregon revoked.

LACK OF PLACE FOR ENTERTAINMENT SEEN

Business Men Consider Many Needed Improvements for Ontario—Dancing Pavilion Suggested As Help—Discuss Conditions Generally

An informal meeting of Ontario merchants was held at the City Hall Monday evening for an informal exchange of views on business conditions and to consider proposals for bettering Ontario's position as a trading center.

One thing discussed was that of publicity for the city, another the need for an adequate dancing pavilion, and special features to make Ontario attractive to people about the country. No set program was followed but a mutual exchange of views and a general discussion of business conditions kept the crowd together for two hours or more.

The business men at the meeting voted to ask the directors of the Commercial Club to give the County Court \$500 to be used to secure right-of-way for the Old Oregon Trail section of the Columbia Highway north of the city, and recommended that the sum be divided in three monthly payments.

MRS. H. M. BROWNE RESIGNS LEGION AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

At a meeting of the Auxiliary of the American Legion held at the City Hall Monday evening Mrs. H. M. Browne, who has been president of the organization for some time past resigned. No successor was elected at the meeting but it was decided to defer action until Friday evening when a meeting will be held to elect a delegate to send to the meeting of the auxiliary to be held at Portland on April 30.

MALHEUR CITY RANCHERS BOOST FOR FARM BUREAU

Co-operative Work of Bureau is Approved in Letter Sent Argus Bringing Ranchers Together Important Work.

Malheur, Oregon, April 20, 1921. To Editor of the Argus: While in Vale a few days ago we were informed by some kickers that the Malheur County Farm Bureau was a bad thing for the county and was causing higher taxes. Let me say this. In my opinion, it is the best move that has ever been made in Malheur County to benefit the farmers as a whole. In our organization in Malheur it is working wonders. It has brought both buyer and seller together, there by obtaining better prices both ways. It has also brought the people of the community in closer touch, causing each member to work for the highest interest of each other and for the organization as a whole.

Beginning May first our entire membership will visit one or more of the members at their homes at which time we will have a picnic dinner and all meet socially. After our lunch we will look over the farm, his stock, and other enterprises, thereby gaining points from his work and giving him any beneficial suggestions we can. This plan will unite the whole neighborhood as one big family and will mean dollars to everyone of us. Instead of one man buying and selling as he can, we will all pool and work for the interest of all, saving each more in a year than the cost will be. Farmers, boost the Farm Bureau, and boost yourself and your community by so doing. Malheur Farm Bureau By C. H. Morrill and D. J. Dorrick

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Booth returned Friday from Los Angeles where they spent the winter.

DON'T FORGET THAT FRIDAY IS ONTARIO'S CLEAN-UP DAY

Tomorrow, Friday, is "clean-up day" in Ontario. The schools will close at noon so the pupils can assist their parents in getting their home yards raked and "dolled up" before the teams furnished by the city start along the alleys afternoon time. The business houses will close from 12:30 to 3:30 to permit the proprietors and their assistants to devote time to dressing up the alleys and back yards in the business district. It ought to be a busy day, for though the city is cleaner than it has been in years, still there is much to be done.

TEN INDICTMENTS ARE FOUND BY GRAND JURY

Al Chance Draws Six Charges—Buck Browning, Harvey Roberts and Charles Bollinger Charged With Burglary—One Secret Indictment

In a short session of the Grand Jury Monday 10 true bills were returned after the evidence was introduced by District Attorney Robt. D. Lytle. Of these six were directed to Al Chance, formerly agent of the Boise-Payette Lumber Company here. Four indictments charged him with embezzlement and two with forgery.

Three indictments charging burglary were returned, one each for Harvey Roberts, Eldon (Buck) Browning, and Charles Bollinger.

One other indictment was returned and kept secret. The men indicted were arraigned before Judge Dalton Biggs at Vale this afternoon. The term of court which starts this week is probably the lightest, so far as trial cases to be heard is concerned that has been held in the county for years.

JUNTURA IN NEED OF MEN WHO WANT WORK

Communication to Ontario Commercial Club—Wages Offered \$40 Per Month and Up

"Are there any idle men in the vicinity of Ontario?" writes E. N. Stallard, of Juntura, to the Commercial Club. And he continues: "There is work in Juntura and Drewsey vicinity for at least 25 men. Wages will be not less than \$40 per month and board, practically all ranch work."

"Personally I will pay \$45 per month for two men and will refund their transportation from Ontario with the first month's wages."

Since there are a number of idle men about Ontario the Argus is printing this letter to assist them to get work and supply the needs of the ranchers in Juntura-Drewsey section.

ONTARIO BOY ON U. OF O. FACULTY

Palmer Trow, who graduated from Ontario High School with the class of 1916, recently received the degree of B. S. A. at University of Washington and is now teaching accounting and corporation finance at the University, according to advices received by Bernard Rader this week.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Mrs. Walter Shimp who has been visiting relatives and friends here for some time returned to Glenns Ferry Friday. Mrs. Freiz from near Juntura has been visiting this week with her mother, Mrs. Turner, and other relatives. Mrs. Mildred Parker is spending a few days at the home of her friend Rose McConnell near Fruitland. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Riches of Vale were Ontario visitors over the week-end returning to the county seat Sunday afternoon. Harry Farmer went to Vale Monday to appear as a witness before the Grand Jury. Mr. and Mrs. Dell Stoner left this week for Medford, Or. where they will be employed by H. C. Smith proprietor of the Holland hotel there. Code Butler and Mr. Salmon, manager of Boise branch of Goodrich Tire Company, were week end visitors in Ontario. Ed Berry is improving slowly after a several months' struggle with rheumatism. Miss Nell Eckersley of Cove, Oregon, stopped over here for a week end visit with her sister, Mrs. E. B. Conklin, while enroute to her home after a week's visit with friends at Nampa. Mrs. Wm. Whitmore had as guests Sunday her mother, Mrs. J. E. Wilson of New Plymouth and her cousin Carrie Beeler of Houston, Texas. R. H. DeArmond and wife were here from Vale Saturday. C. F. Cox was in Boise on business Tuesday.

START GRADING ALONG OLD OREGON TRAIL

Sub-Contractors at Work on Dead Ox Flat, One Camp Established—Others Wait Adjustment of Right-of-Way Differences

One sub-contractor has crews at work grading on the Old Oregon Trail, others are about ready to start but are awaiting the formal notice of condemnation suits for right of way through section 33, and through the Thayer ranch neither of which pieces were secured by arbitration.

Section 33 is the property of the Oregon-Western Colonization Company which asked \$200 per acre for right of way, in answer to a request for this right-of-way President Davidson of the company sent the following answer:

"Message received. Up to date we have spent a great deal more money in your county in the way of taxes and operating expenses than we been able to collect, and in these straits I am more interested in helping the farmers and seeing them through than I am in building highways or anything else that increases our taxes. The principal value section thirty three is in the river frontage and its proximity to town and considering that the road if built through the center of section will cost you less and right of way nothing why not do this. Otherwise we will expect reasonable damages and you all know I need the money. With kindest regards, Watson P. Davidson."

COMMERCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT IS PRIZE LIMERICK WRITER

R. W. Jones, president of the Commercial Club recently was advised of the fact, by the arrival of a check, that he was one of the winners in a limerick contest which the Lee's Germozio Company held. At the same time he received a big advertising poster published by the company which carried his brain child, selected as the very best produced by thousands of competitors. Last year Mr. Jones won a prize with a limerick written for the Zysole trokeys.

LAND OWNER FINDS GOPHER POISONING SATISFACTORY

Badly Infested Land Nearly Rid of Gophers Last Fall Being Retreated by Ranchers on Their Own Initiative—Law is Mandatory On County Court

It has been said, "Convince a man against his will and he is of the same opinion still." However, there are some exceptions to this rule in connection with the gopher poisoning campaign of last fall which was done under the supervision of the Biological survey upon request of the farmers. Some of the farmers did not come out to the meetings and when the crew arrived, were much wrought up about the matter. However, the purpose of the work could not be accomplished without covering all land in the district which had been specified in the meetings and this was done, without exception, so far as the work was extended.

There is probably no more potent argument in favor of the methods employed than is now presented by the fact that two of the most strenuous objectors last year, E. Adams and Gerald Stanfield, both of whose farms were infested with thousands of gophers and were constantly emigrating to adjoining farms whose owners were thus compelled to wage a war on them in no uncertain terms, have now freely admitted that the work done on their land was highly successful and now have men employed to destroy the survivors, using the means of poisoning and doing it under the instructions of the Biological survey.

Law Mandatory on Court

This work was put into effect upon petition of a large number of landowners, the law making it mandatory on the county court to grant the petition and provide a revolving fund for carrying the work forward. The law also provides that the county agent must publish notices and otherwise carry out the will of the people as set forth in the petition. In the absence of a county agent the court must appoint an agent to carry the work forward. The cost of the work done on each piece of land is charged to that land only and collected as taxes. No one who is making an honest effort to rid his land of the pests can be molested, but land which is serving as a breeding ground must be cleaned up so long as the law remains in force if the people adjoining are being damaged and complain. The court must revoke the order upon the filing of a larger petition against it, but no one who wants the country inhabited by people instead of gophers would like to see that.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Patton of French, Idaho were Ontario visitors Monday.